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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for hens and toms is weak. Sales reported for December deliveries to East coast at sharply lower price levels. Parts and meats trading remains seasonally slow. Most processors working a short week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Buyers remain cautious and taking a wait and see attitude.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand very limited. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and tails, with the balance of items slow. Inquiry remains good for frozen mechanically separated turkey going to Russia and Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 22, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-81	73-75	73.30	1880	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	76.25	76.25	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-73	73	73.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-72	72	72.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 21, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70.5-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 NOVEMBER 2000.

Frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment steady to firm. Fresh MST trade sentiment and offerings mixed. The trade sentiment ranged from barely steady to fully steady with leaner production the strongest and least available. MST Inquiry fair to good with holiday processing schedules playing a factor for some processors. Institutional rib breast demand fair. Domestic trading was heavy on fresh MST and light on the balance of items. Export inquiry ranged slow to fair on 2-joint wings for Asia with trading centered mostly on toms. Tom drum and frozen thigh meat export demand fair with interest noted mostly from Mexico and some from Asia. Export trading centered on a moderately light volume of tom 2-joint wings, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	113.00	520
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	27.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	27.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	50.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	6
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00-170.00		168.50	160
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	69.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.00	30
TENDERLOINS		F	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	148.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	168.00-169.00		168.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.40	800

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.50		25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	312
TAILS		M	19.00	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.67	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	71.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	86-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-83

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 NOVEMBER 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for post holiday processing needs with some inquiry going unfilled. Tom drum trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady, however, some spot premiums were noted on exports for selected Asian countries. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some sellers continuing to receive active inquiry. Some export buyers, however, are cautious on dark meat items in partial response to frozen chicken leg quarters trading at lower trending price levels. Trading centered on moderately light volumes of tom drums and tails, slow on the balance of items.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	27.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	28.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	50.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	22.00	6
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	171.00-172.00		171.91	220
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00-70.00		68.49	164
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	153.00		153.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	168.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50-19.00		17.12	130

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.25-31.00		27.44	352
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	312
TAILS	25.00-27.00		26.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.67	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	71.00	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/22/00 POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
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1999-2000	2,789	147,900	148,250

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